

News Release

U of M Crookston Named to 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

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The University of Minnesota Crookston has been named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). This is the fourth time the campus has earned the honor. To be named to the Honor Roll, a school must demonstrate that its students, faculty, and staff are engaged in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. This national level honor recognizes a college or university for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.



The CNCS, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, has recognized more than 600 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs. It named 511 colleges and universities to the Community Service Honor Roll for 2010. For a full list of recipients and descriptions of their service, visit www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll.

Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school's commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of service.

At the U of M Crookston in 2010, students tallied over 8,400 hours of service learning through their academic courses and nearly 9,500 hours of community service on their campus, in Crookston and their local communities, and across the country. Additionally, the campus continued a commitment to designate 10 work study students in the community to serve as America Reads tutors at Crookston's Washington Elementary School, Highland School, and Our Savior's Lutheran Day School.

Lisa Loegering, assistant director of service learning at the U of M Crookston, confirms the positive influence on students who get involved in service projects, "Our students who choose to get involved with their community through service-learning and community service not only feel more connected to their community but also have a better context for the material they learn within the classroom." Service-learning courses are found across all departments, and each of the nearly 40 student clubs and organizations strives to complete two service projects per semester.

"As members of the class of 2011 cross the stage to pick up their diplomas, more and more will be going into the world with a commitment to public service and the knowledge that they can make a difference in their communities and their own lives through service to others, thanks to the leadership of these institutions," said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of CNCS. "Congratulations to the University of Minnesota Crookston and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities. We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service."

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Barack Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. The agency is a strong partner with the nation's colleges and universities in supporting community service and service-learning. CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,400 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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